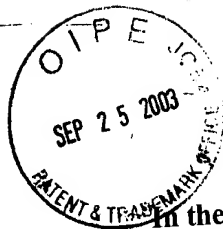


Image

1646



IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTORNEY DOCKET No. RTI 133--1915/14001US01

In the Application of:

John F. Wironen *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/897,728

Filed: July 3, 2001

For: "Quantitative In Vitro Bone  
Induction Assay"

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Not yet assigned

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date:

09-23-03

Donald J. Pochopien  
Registration No. 32,167  
Attorney for Applicants

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(e)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicants wish to file this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") under 37 CFR §1.97(e). This disclosure is also accompanied by two copies of Form PTO 1449 and a copy of each cited reference. No fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper because the International Search Report, dated September 9, 2003, which was attached to International Application No. PCT/US02/21026, is not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In the event that any additional fees are required for the filing of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0017 in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., or to refund any overpayment thereto. **A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
MCANDREWS, HELD & MALLOY, LTD.

By



Donald J. Pochopien  
Registration No. 32,167  
Attorney of Record  
34th Floor  
500 West Madison  
Chicago, Illinois 60661  
(312) 775-8133

Dated: 09-23-03

Form PTO-1449

(Rev. 8-83)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY. DOCKET NO.

RTI-133-1915/14001US01

SERIAL NO.

09/897,728

APPLICANT(s):

John f. Wironen *et al.*

FILING DATE

July 3, 2001

GROUP ART UNIT:

1646

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A1	5,208,219	05/04/1993	Ogawa et al.	514	12	02/14/1991
	A2	5,854,207	12/29/1998	Lee et al.	514	2	02/23/1998
	A3	6,189,537	02/20/2001	Wolfenbarger, Jr.	128	898	09/06.1996
	A4	6,333,312	12/25/2001	Kuberasampath et al.	514	12	10/13/1998

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	PUBLICATION DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	C1	International Search Report, related to International Application No. PCT/US021026, dated September 9, 2003.

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED:

\*EXAMINER: Initial citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.